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Sir:

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1. German Patent Publication No. 3027850, published February 19, 1981 (with an English Abstract).

2. International Patent Publication No. WO 99/37592, published July 29, 1999.

3. United States Patent No. 4,243,575, issued January 6, 1981.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the U.S. patent.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding German Office Action dated April 30, 2008 and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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Respectfully submitted,

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